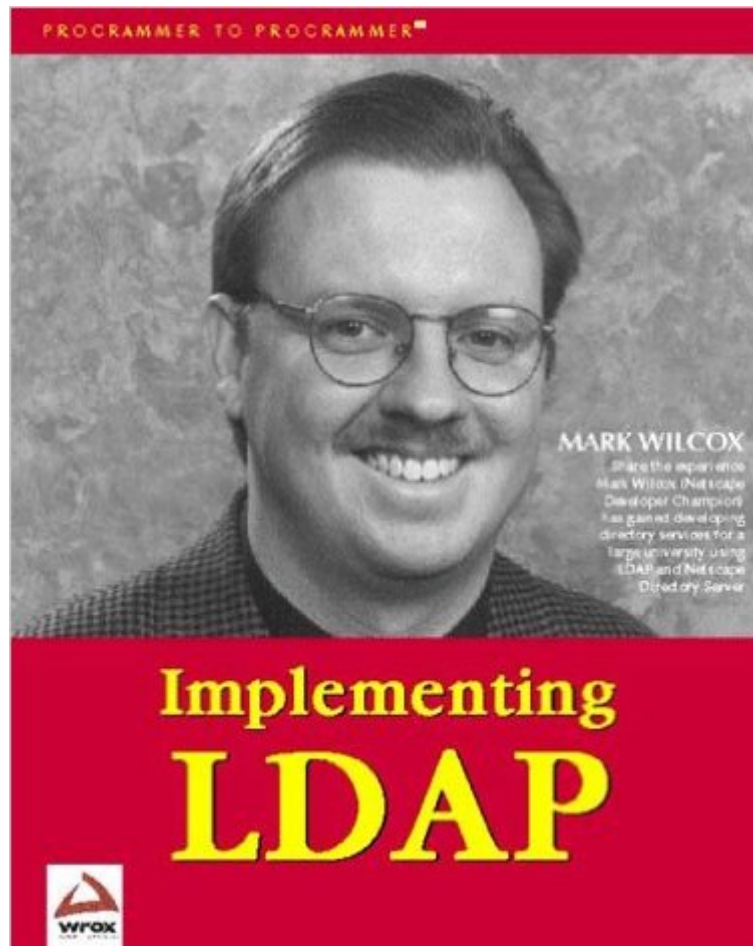


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Implementing LDAP



Synopsis

There is growing interest in a standard way of providing access to personal information (e.g. "white pages" data) and simplifying the administration and management of this data. LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) is poised to be the solution to these problems. Since the IETF recently approved version 3 of the LDAP protocol, it is now rapidly growing in importance as major companies seek to make their proprietary networks available as LDAP servers. Implementing LDAP comes at a time when programmers everywhere consider LDAP as the answer to their developmental needs. No prior knowledge of LDAP is assumed as an in depth discussion of the fundamentals of LDAP - its data structure, object hierarchy and syntax - is provided. Client applications are then presented, in a variety of languages, designed to connect efficiently and securely to an LDAP server, search and retrieve information, and modify the data on the server.

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Customer Reviews

I am up to page 168 of this book. So far it has been sufficiently worthwhile to read, so I plan to continue to the end. There are several good aspects as well as unfortunate ones. First the bad news, therefore leaving a better taste in ones brain. 'Implementing LDAP' seems to suffer from lack of editorial review. For ex, page 163, a sentence reads "In an asynchronous operation, you might set an LDAP search running, freeing your computer is to perform other tasks(...)". The sentence needs to be corrected by removing "is". There are numerous examples of this type of mistake. Either Mark, in being the Champion he is, had to stay up way too many nights to write this book, or

Wrox press did not bother to review his work. I suspect the later. Further, the work presents several different explanations on at least one term. For example, about RDNs, it explains "In general, when we talk about an RDN, we usually mean the left most part of a DN". (p 148) Yet earlier in the text, it is stated that "The DN is made up of components, each of which is called a relative distinguished name (RDN)" (p 48). These two definitions are somewhat different. I, the reader, am left to resolve this. (By doing my own editorial review ?) Yet, on a more positive note, I found this text one of the more readable, and less filled with "fluff" than other texts. One text I had attempted put me so to sleep, and was filled with how "LDAP would solve this and that and marketing people like it, and so did CEO's etc". It was one of those big door stoppers. "Implementing LDAP" does not seem to suffer as much from this.

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